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and invitations extended by the members in different parts of the country. The printed slips sent out by the secretary to the members requesting the names of those who would probably join if invited were filled out and returned in large numbers; library school directors have encouraged their students to enroll as members, in several instances the membership of an entire school being received *en bloc*; librarians have talked to their staffs of the Association and its work; trustees have granted leaves of absence and appropriated expense money for their librarians to attend the conferences; library workers are becoming convinced that the Handbook of the Association is virtually a directory of librarians and that none can afford from a business viewpoint not to have his or her name included therein.

But let us now push on for the 4000-mark. With help such as we have had in the past four years we really ought to gain another thousand new members in a much shorter time than it has taken to secure the last thousand. There are a plenty of eligibles; the field is wide; our acquired impetus ought to count for much. Let us all work together and remember that the American Library Association means America's Librarians Associated.

#### MIDWINTER MEETINGS

The usual Chicago midwinter meetings will be held this year, Wednesday, December 30, to Friday, January 1. Headquarters will be at the Hotel La Salle, corner of La Salle and Madison Streets, and meetings will be held there unless otherwise announced.

#### Rates at Hotel La Salle

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| One Person                       | Per Day        |
| Room with detached bath . . . .  | \$1.50 and up. |
| Room with private bath . . . . . | 2.00 and up.   |

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| Two Persons                       |      |
| Room with detached bath . . . . . | 3.00 |

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| Two Connecting rooms with bath |              |
| Two Persons . . . . .          | 4.50 and up. |
| Four Persons . . . . .         | 7.00 and up. |

Make reservations direct with management of hotel, stating time of your expected arrival.

The Hotel La Salle will provide meeting rooms and committee rooms free of charge. Those having charge of meetings not here referred to should make arrangements for suitable meeting rooms direct with the hotel management or through the secretary of the A. L. A.

Besides the well-equipped dining rooms of the Hotel La Salle there are many restaurants with a wide range of service and price in close proximity to the hotel. All the leading theatres are within a few blocks of the La Salle.

The Executive Board will meet on Thursday evening, December 31.

The Council will hold sessions on Wednesday afternoon, December 30, and Thursday afternoon, December 31. Program will be mailed later to individual members. Members of the Council are requested to notify the secretary of the A. L. A. whether or not they expect to be in attendance.

The Publishing Board will meet on Thursday morning, December 31, at the A. L. A. executive office. Further notice will be sent to individual members.

The League of Library Commissions will meet Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, December 30, 31, and January 1. There will be no papers presented; the meetings will be in the nature of a discussion or conference. A definite list of subjects will be discussed, one or two persons being asked to open the discussion of each subject.

The library school faculties will hold meetings on Friday morning and afternoon, January 1.

A meeting of college librarians of the middle west will be held Friday morning and a round table for librarians of small colleges on Friday afternoon. Correspondence regarding this round table should be addressed to Miss Iva M. Butlin, Beloit College Library, Beloit, Wis.

The Chicago Library Club will entertain visiting librarians on Wednesday evening, December 30.

There will be a meeting of normal school and high school librarians some time during the week. Mr. W. H. Kerr, Kansas State Normal School Library, Emporia, will be glad to receive suggestions, topics for discussion, etc.

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association will be held in Chicago, December 29-31, with headquarters at the Auditorium Hotel, and members of the A. L. A. will doubtless be welcome at the meetings. Unfortunately it has not been possible to avoid a conflict of dates between these two associations.

**THE 15TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
VEREIN DEUTSCHER BIBLIOTHE-  
KARE, LEIPZIG, JUNE 3-5, 1915\***

There were various reasons why the 15th Conference of the German Library Association which met in Leipzig the first week in June should have been the most largely attended of any in its history.

The city of Leipzig offers a great deal that is interesting to those whose occupation it is to collect books and place them within reach of others who need them.

For generations Leipzig has been known as the most important city in Germany for the publication and distribution of books. In this city of 600,000 population, there are over 1000 publishers, and one person in every fifty belongs in some capacity to the book trade. Here are located famous old publishing houses whose names are familiar to readers of German throughout the world; here are also those enterprising younger firms which by energy and enterprise have built up business connections in all countries. An opportunity to visit this book centre could not fail to be attractive to the librarians, and the cordial reception and lavish hospitality extended to them by their Leipzig colleagues (at whose head stands Geheimrat Boysen, director of the University library), by the members of the book trade, and by the

city of Leipzig, were convincing proofs that the town was sincerely glad to welcome them.

But this year Leipzig was additionally interesting on account of the International Exposition of Book Industries and the Graphic Arts, which, having opened in May, was in full operation when the conference met. It is therefore not surprising that the register showed an attendance of 243, which is a record for these meetings. To an American, the preponderance of men at a library convention was striking; of the 243 in attendance, only 31 were women; less than 13 per cent! A considerable number of librarians from foreign countries were present; from Austria-Hungary, 21; Switzerland, 11; Finland, 3; Sweden and Denmark were also represented, and there was a librarian there from the Bombay University Library. Three Americans were present: Theodore W. Koch, of the University of Michigan Library; Ernest Kletsch, of the Library of Congress; and Donald Hendry, of Pratt Institute Free Library, Brooklyn; the latter of whom had been delegated to convey greetings from the American Library Association, which he found occasion to do at one of the meetings.

An informal evening reception in the large hall of the Buchhändlerhaus, on Tuesday, June 2d, to which ladies were also invited, afforded the first opportunity for old friends to meet and new acquaintanceships to be formed. Director Boysen and Oberbibliothekar Helssig of the Leipzig University Library welcomed the company, refreshments were served, and appropriate printed matter was presented to all present. The presentation of books and pamphlets was a feature of all the meetings.

A large lecture room in the University building was placed at the disposal of the conference, and here the papers were read and discussed. At the first meeting on June 3d, at 9 o'clock in the morning, the University, through its prorector, and the City of Leipzig, through a member of the

\*This report was written before the outbreak of the European war, but we have been unable to print it in an earlier Bulletin.—  
EDITOR.